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VECTOR PARTICLES AND CELL LINES
FOR HUMAN GENE THERAPY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present Preliminary
Amendment in the above-identified case.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At Page 5, Line 17, after the section entitled "Summary of the
Invention," please insert the following text:

ai -- The present invention is directed to a method for preparing a stable,
retroviral packaging cell line for generation of human serum-resistant retroviral
vector particles (RVP) which comprises introducing one or more packaging vectors
into a non-primate mammalian cell line and recovering that cell line. The cell line
of the invention exhibits substantially no hybridization to a Moloney-MLV